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Mr. Shuster and Persia.

Confronted with Russia's threat to
invade Persia with an army, the hapless
Persian government has been compelled to
dismiss Mr. Shuster and yield to the
demands of Russia for an apology and
an indemnity.

Mr. Shuster's enforced retirement is
no discredit to him. He entered with
energy and fidelity upon the work of
rehabilitating Persia's finances, and his
integrity and efficiency have not been
questioned. In fact, he did his work too
well. If he had been less honest and
less capable, Russia would have tolerated
his presence. As it is, he gave
evidence of a determination to place
Persia upon a stable foundation, and this
aroused Russia's opposition. It is
not the purpose of the czar to let Persia
stand erect among the lesser govern-
ments.

Russia, dominating and powerful,
proposes to reduce Persia to the condi-
tion of a vassal state. Mr. Shuster, an
able, honest and faithful official, has
been felled by the blow of the Bear that
walks like a man. He has won, how-
ever, the commendation and the admira-
tion of the civilized world by his fear-
less fight.

The Manchurian dynasty is trying to post-
pone its full suit spring.

January Payments.

Tables are published in the New York
Journal of Commerce and Commercial
Bulletin, showing that the January di-
vidend payments will reach the aggregate
of \$24,847,290. This represents the
amount returnable upon the stocks and
bonds of the railroads, industrial cor-
porations, traction properties, public
utilities, and financial institutions listed
upon the New York Stock Exchange, or
represented among the investments of
that city. The tables show that the in-
crease of payments from such sources is
\$8,245,520 over those of one year
ago, and that the dividends next month
will be greater than ever before in the
history of the country. Other tables
previously published show that these
payments are also to be more widely
distributed than ever before, and con-
sequently will throw a much larger
amount of money into circulation out-
side of the great financial centers. Of
course, a considerable part of the di-
vidend payments goes to Europe upon the
stocks and bonds held by investors there.

These tables do not contain any part
of the thousands of small financial in-
stitutions outside of New York, nor of the
many relatively small corporations,
like traction and lighting companies, do-
ing business in small cities. Just what
the total of January payments, including
these smaller concerns, would be is
merely a matter of conjecture, but it is
safe to say that they will amount, pos-
sibly, to \$300,000,000 more than the sum
mentioned.

This annual payment of so many
millions of dollars to the people of the
country, including its rich men, and for-
eign investors, means much to the pros-
perity of the country. It is like the
filling of the springs and the restora-
tion of the water courses by the snows
of winter for the blooming of the val-
leys and the supply of moisture to the
verdant meadows in spring and summer.
The January payments fill the bank ac-
counts of the investors of our country,
and provide a substantial part of the
money to be used in the purchase of the
necessaries of life.

The government is still pegging away
at the rice trust.

Fear for the War Horse.

The statement sometimes appears that
the mechanical road vehicle and other
means of transportation have not made
any perceptible inroads upon the provi-
dence of the horse. It is said that the
horse is as valuable and as neces-
sary in the modern world as in former
days, and that no matter how far ahead
mechanical devices may go in doing the
work of the world, there will still be
room for the horse.

Without seeking to controvert this
statement, the earnest plea entered by
Gen. Leonard Wood in favor of efforts
by the government to preserve the war
horse stock of the country is signifi-
cant. Gen. Wood says the thorough-
bred riding horse is fast disappearing
from the United States. He attributes
it to the attitude taken by most of the

States in regard to racing and the pro-
hibition of tracks within their borders,
and not to the inroads of the mechan-
ical vehicle. It may be said, however,
that interest in horse racing as a means
of developing good stock long ago be-
gan to decline in this country, and that
the race tracks years ago degenerated
into mere gambling affairs, which
finally placed them in disrepute. It
can hardly be asserted with accuracy
that the riding horse was put out of
commission because race tracks have
been very properly abolished.

But Gen. Wood's plea for the pres-
ervation of the riding horse for military
use is not without great force from
the army standpoint. The cavalry is
a most important accessory of the land
force in time of battle. Possibly no
mechanically transported force can ever
take its place, and if the riding horse
is not to be supplied in sufficient quantity
from the breeding farms of the nation,
it will be necessary for the government
to establish farms for the rearing of
cavalry stock, if this branch of the
military service is to be kept at a high
standard of efficiency. Under existing
conditions it would appear that the war
horse can be dispensed with only when
the armies of the world are disbanded
and the human race enters upon the
reign of universal peace.

Any publisher desiring to issue an en-
cyclopedia need only publish Dr. Wiley's
addresses with the topics arranged al-
phabetically.

Caddies.

To the average man the caddy is an
unknown factor in the human equation.
To the devotee of the golf links the
caddy is a most important creature.

If we devote a few moments to the
consideration of the caddy it is because
some of their number have had their
worthiness fully appreciated by some of
the golf clubs in Philadelphia. At the
Huntington Valley Club more than 100
of the little fellows were given a
Christmas feast of turkey and other
good things, while every boy was pre-
sented with a sweater and three of
them received \$5 gold pieces for excel-
lent records. At the Philmont Country
Club the caddies were also treated to a
Christmas dinner, with candy and prizes
for punctuality, attendance, and general
efficiency. At each event the president
of the club presided and the boys had
something to say about the members for
whom they caddied. Altogether the
functions seem to have been quite en-
joyable.

For the benefit of the uninitiated let
us remark that the caddy is the person
who carries the bag in which repose the
clubs of the golfer. Ordinarily, he is
very young, but in Philadelphia one of
the caddies is reported to be fifty-four
years of age. In Great Britain middle
age is the rule rather than the exception.
Generally speaking, too, he goes to
school, and is thus not available for use
except after a deluge in the afternoon
or upon days when school is not in ses-
sion. He is supposed to keep his eye
on the ball and to locate it with promp-
titude and precision when it deviates
from the course into the high grass or
neighboring woods. He does not al-
ways do it. In fact, his facility in dis-
covering the ball when it lies in full
view in the open, and his inability to
see it when it unexpectedly dis-
appears, is proverbial. Incidentally, he
is something of a moral factor in the
game, because a good caddy will enable
a player to preserve his temper, while
an indifferent and careless caddy will
tempt the golfer to indulge in language
not always fit to print.

We are glad that the caddies in
Philadelphia have had their Christmas
treat. Let us hope that they deserved it.
They must be of the exceptional
bright-eyed, intelligent class that are a
golfer's delight. There are a few, but
mighty few, of that kind in Washington.

The governor of Tennessee has taken
up a pension for two days in the
State penitentiary. Perhaps his political
opponents think the term too short.

By annexing his eighth wife, Kid Mc-
Coy shows that he has not retired from
the wedding ring.

It is barely possible that while the Presi-
dent is in New York he may be able to
talk a little politics between meals.

If Santa Claus ever had a monopoly of
Christmas gifts it has been effectually
dissolved.

A good deal of the charity that begins
at home ends there.

A venemian in New York was under
the impression that deliberation and
premeditation were deadly weapons.
Well, they are often used to kill men-
sures in Congress.

If the price of prunes continues to ad-
vance, they may yet be promoted from
the boarding-houses to the first-class
hotels.

Perhaps Mr. Sulzer did not realize how
rough his resolution would read when
translated into Russian.

No doubt the insurgents are grateful
to Mr. Pinchot for occasionally remind-
ing the country that there is such a
thing as the La Follette boom.

Col. Roosevelt's sporting blood may
eventually rebel against those long odds
that are being offered against his nomi-
nation.

Senator Root is strongly inclined to ap-
prove the conduct of the State Depart-
ment under the preceding administration.

Uncle Sam's Christmas presents seem
to be confined to contributions to the
conscience fund.

It is only when he hangs up his stock-
ing that the small boy regrets he hasn't
a foot like his pa's.

The Connecticut man who fights his
chicken coops so that his hens will lay
at night must be a lineal descendant of
the fellow who once proposed to cross
his bees with lightning bugs.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

LAST CALL.

'Tis the day before Christmas, and all
through the stores
The people are tramping by dozens and
scores
They failed to shop early, and now it is
late,
And they are all left in a terrible state.

But some had no money and waited for
pay,
And therefore are doing their shopping
to-day.
And some received presents they didn't
fancy,
And some forgot something for trim-
ming the tree.

'Tis the day before Christmas, and all
through the streets
The people are running their Marathon
heats.
But all of the shoppers are merry and
bright,
And hope to get through with their
troubles by night.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

Ever notice the little window-wish-
ers, the kids that flatten their noses
against the shop windows, wishing for
this and that? They make me wish I
could buy a million dollars' worth of
toys.

A Christmas Joke.

"If I had ten dollars I could get
through the holidays."
"I guess I can let you have it."
"Then you'll be over? Thanks, old
friend, thanks!"

Life in a Flat.

"What's the matter, old chap?"
"I don't know if I can buy what I'm
wanting for. Do you know where I can
find a folding Christmas tree?"

Last Shopping Day.

Avoid the waves of people burly
That madly heave,
And try to do your shopping early
Christmas Eve.

A Modest Girl.

"I'll bet that girl is too modest to
hang up her stockings Christmas."
"I understand she places a screen in
front of them."

Ample Returns.

"Christmas charity pays good divi-
dends."
"What do you mean?"
"It always gets a dollar's worth of en-
joyment out of every dime I give."

Very Wrong.

'Twas the night before Christmas; all
still was the house, 'till father came
home with a terrible snore.

A Sheeplike Girl.

"Going to hang up your stocking,
Mabel?"
"That won't get me anything that I
wouldn't get anyhow. Guess I'll hang
up some mistletoe."

Young Men in Politics.

From the London Chronicle.
Prof. Blackie was in favor of a higher
age limit for parliamentary candidates
than is at present enforced. "I remain
decidedly of the opinion," he writes,
"that no man ought to open his mouth on
the hustings or at public dinners till he
is at least thirty years of age. Young
men are absolutely incapable of political
wisdom; it is the fruit of time and can-
not be extemporized from the young
effulgence of the brain like a brilliant
lyric poem or a dashing novel."

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WITH THE POLITICAL PROCESSION

Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio, is
sixty years old to-day, and unmarried.
He does not consider sixty much more
than the actual prime of life, and won-
ders less about age than about political
conditions in his State.

Thus far Burton has kept aloof from
the clash between Walter Brown, chair-
man of the central committee, and
Lewis Cass Laylin, chairman of the ex-
ecutive organization, the latter loyal to
Taft, and there are signs that the Bur-
ton part will be that of peacemaker,
once the Ohio campaign is fairly on.

Speaking of birthdays, Senator Scott,
of West Virginia, was sixty-nine on
Monday, and celebrated the day by con-
ferring several hours with the score of
visiting Republicans from his State,
who came on to fix things up for next
year and to organize for the next elec-
tion of a governor and Senator.

The slight gossip on national politics by
the West Virginia visitors indicated
that Senator Scott can celebrate his
next birthday and several more as a
member of the National Committee if
he so desires.

The conference failed to decide on a
candidate for governor, as Dr. Hatfield,
who was most urged, seemed a bit re-
luctant, and another conference will be
held within State lines to agree finally
on a candidate for governor, while the
Senate part will be left open.

There has long been protest in West Vir-
ginia against fixing up tickets in Wash-
ington, so pains were taken throughout
this conference to see that the coming
together of so many wise men was "ad-
minically accidental."

Not Downcast in New Jersey.

New Jersey will have two new Con-
gressional districts from now on, and al-
ready some arduous planning is in progress
to make sure that not only the two new
districts, but several of the old ones, are
made safely Republican. The legislature
which meets next month has a delight-
fully safe Republican majority, and there
will be some celerity in fixing the dis-
tricts according to Republican desire.

There has been some gnashing of teeth
among Democrats in and out of Congress
because Gov. Woodrow Wilson did not
permit the making of new districts when
he had a Democratic legislature. The
governor was urged to do so, but refused
on high moral grounds, fearing he would
be accused of pernicious activity in poli-
tics, and all that sort of thing, and he
may have had a hope that his party
would win anyhow.

His failure to act will lose the Demo-
crats some Congressmen they now have,
and there will be a careful picking out
of strong Republican wards in the con-
gressional section opposite New York City.
The two new districts will be nicely ar-
ranged in that part of the State north of
Trenton and Paterson. The six districts
now lying north of Trenton are all rep-
resented by Democrats, three of whom,
Hughes, Kinkaid, and Hamill served in
the preceding House, while Tuttle, Tor-
rison, and McVay came from usually Rep-
ublican districts on the Democratic wave
of last year.

They are not wholly discouraged about
the next campaign, but the Republic
prediction is for a general swinging
back into the old Republican way, which
is not so hard in a Presidential year.

"Have you ever thought," asked Con-
gressman Ira Wood, of Trenton, "that
New Jersey ranks sixth among the man-
ufacturing and industrial States of the
Union? Well, it seems reasonable that
such a State will find the way back to
the Republican party, and with some
luck."

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